

Under current administrative code, restaurants cannot permit dogs on their patios. However, in many places, this restriction was unenforced. HB 263 will give restaurants the option to allow patrons to bring their dogs while ensuring proper health standards. The bill gives the Departments of Agriculture and Health the ability to develop rules, including rules that specifically prohibit an employee from touching a dog, require the use of single-use dining ware for serving food or water to a dog, and require signage that dogs are permitted in the area.

Additionally, HB 263 specifies that a person who brings a dog to an outdoor dining area is liable for any damage that the dog causes.

HB 263 is supported by the Ohio Restaurant Association, the Humane Society, and various other organizations. It was reported by the Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor Committee 9-5 with Reps. Brinkman and Lipps voting "no."

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#### House Bill 360

Ohio law requires public schools to adopt anti-bullying policies that prohibit "bullying, harassment, or intimidation" of another student, address disciplinary responses for violations, and set reporting requirements. HB 360 seeks to strengthen the anti-bullying statute, while providing schools with flexibility to address issues.

HB 360 allows schools to institute tiered suspensions based on the number of bullying incidents: the first offense would be up to 10 days suspension, the second would be up to 30 days, and the third would be up to 182 days. The school could also prohibit a bully from participating in extracurricular activities.

Additionally, the bill specifically permits a school to develop a community service plan for the bully and offer counseling and/or support for the bully and victim. HB 360 requires the State Board of Education to review best practices and requires state institutions of higher education to adopt policies regarding bullying and harassment.

Several changes were made to the bill in committee that focused on providing local school districts more flexibility and control over dealing with cases of bullying on an individual basis. The committee also accepted an amendment that exempted independent and private schools from the provisions of the bill.

HB 360 was reported by the Education and Career Readiness Committee 10-7 with Rep. Hood voting “no.”

#### House Bill 378

HB 378 seeks to incentivize the build-out of broadband service in areas of Ohio that do not have access to broadband internet and strengthen the connectivity of the state. The bill appropriates \$50 million in FY 2018-2019 to fund the newly created Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program under the Development Services Agency (DSA). The money will be used to award grants for infrastructure projects that extend broadband service to unserved areas of the state.

Of the total funding appropriated in each year, \$49 million will be used for grants and the remaining \$1 million will be used by DSA to contract to do broadband research, testing, analysis, and community engagement and planning. The source of the funding is money in the Third Frontier Research and Development Fund. Political subdivisions, private businesses, nonprofits, and cooperatives are all eligible for grants under the program.

The bill has various proponents including local government groups, the Ohio Farm Bureau, the Ohio Library Council, Connect Ohio, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission, and others. Ohio Cable Telecommunications Association is an opponent. The bill was reported by the Finance Committee with Reps. Butler, Romanchuk, and Thompson voting “no.”

#### House Bill 211

To ensure consumers are getting the value they expect in their home, HB 211 requires the licensure of home inspectors and creates the Ohio Home Inspector Board.

Thirty states – including Indiana, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia – require home inspectors to be licensed. HB 211 will give homebuyers more trust in the expertise of home inspectors when purchasing a home.

HB 211 is supported by the Ohio Association of Realtors and the American Society of Home Inspectors. The bill is opposed by Nemastil Home Inspections, the HomeSpection Training Institute, and Americans for Prosperity. It was reported by

the Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor Committee 12-2 with Reps. Dean and Hood voting “no.”

#### House Bill 508

As another tool combat the opioid epidemic in Ohio, HB 508 is a pilot program aimed at helping high-risk, low-income students succeed and move on to the next phase of their educational career.

HB 508, or OhioCorps, is a mentorship pilot program that pairs college students with at-risk youth to ensure high school students are getting the support they need and guidance toward a pathway to higher education. College students receive a stipend for their mentorship and mentees receive a \$1,000 scholarship upon completion of the program, meeting certain requirements. “At-risk” students eligible for the program are at least 13 years of age and have an expected family contribution of \$0 or have been impacted by family opioid addiction.

The program will be administered by state universities, community colleges, and technical colleges. The bill appropriates \$2.5 million from the General Revenue Fund for the program.

HB 508 has no opponents at this time. It is currently pending in the Finance Committee.

#### House Bill 489

HB 489 reforms Ohio’s financial institutions regulatory framework and adds layers of consumer protection. The goal is to provide opportunities for Ohioans by creating a friendly environment for acquiring capital.

After the Great Recession, the federal government increased regulatory requirements on depositories – this had an unintended impact on smaller banks and credit unions and many were forced to close. HB 489 gives some regulatory reliefs to banks and credit unions, while ensuring consumers have appropriate protections.

Among other provisions, the bill allows financial institutions meeting certain asset and ratings requirements to go longer periods between regulatory examinations. Additionally, HB 489 allows financial institutions to report, to the regulators and

consumers, and correct bona fide errors; if the institution offers reasonable restitution, it would be held harmless for the error.

HB 489 is supported by the Ohio Bankers League, the National Association of Consumer Attorneys, the National Association of Bankruptcy Attorneys, the Ohio Credit Union League, and the Community Bankers Association of Ohio; the bill has no opponents. It was reported by the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee 7-3 on party line.

**From:** Bob Cupp  
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**Subject:** RE: Whip 22818

**Importance:** High

Bill -- Thanks for the extra time to get back to you.

I am unsure about a few bills, so I am noting on those that I am a possible "no" vote or am "unsure" on how I would vote. My comments are in red.

Let me know if you have any questions about my responses.

Bob

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Whipping for Wednesday's session:

Please advise !

Thank you, Bill Reineke  
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### **Bills for Third Consideration**

- **House Bill 96** – Rep. Hughes – Reported out of Criminal Justice (11-0)
  - Yes
    - o Increase penalty for sexual imposition
- **House Bill 182** – Rep. Seitz – Reported out of Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development (8-5, Hughes) Possible NO.

- o Address debt adjusting
- **House Bill 271** – Reps. McColley, Rezabek – Reported out of Civil Justice (11-0) YES
  - o Give notice before action for access; allow attorney's fees
- **House Bill 309** – Reps. Gonzales, Rezabek – Reported out of Community and Family Advancement (14-0) YES
  - o Make blindness no impediment to caring for minor
- **House Bill 371** – Rep. Merrin – Reported out of Ways and Means (15-3, Hambley, Green) POSSIBLE NO
  - o Exempt increased value of subdivided land until building starts
- **House Bill 422** – Reps. Ginter, Rogers – Reported out of Energy and Natural Resources (11-0) YES
  - o Govern acquisitions of municipal waterworks and sewage systems
- **House Bill 470** – Rep. Edwards – Reported out of State and Local Government (11-2, Becker, Dean) YES
  - o Authorize tax levy for lighting roads and public spaces
- **House Bill 415** – Reps. Greenspan, Ryan – Reported out of State and Local Government (12-0) YES, but... Comment: Since when have we started enacting bills to appropriate future surplus funds as opposed to considering the surplus part of the next budget deliberations? I am not convinced this is a good practice, although I recognize the need for local road and bridge support (hence my “yes” vote).
  - o Allocate one-half surplus revenue to local road improvements
- **Senate Bill 1** – Sen. LaRose – Reported out of Criminal Justice (11-0) YES
  - o Revise drug laws
- **Senate Bill 22** – Sen. Peterson – *Pending report from Ways and Means* NOT SURE. I do not know how this bill will look once voted out of Ways and Means so I don't have a position on it yet. If it substantially changes Ohio tax law as a result of the new federal tax law changes, then I'll need to digest it. If it is simply the annual update of definitions, then I= 2m certainly OK with it.
  - o Incorporate Internal Revenue Code changes

## *Snapshots*

### **House Bill 96**

HB 96 was generated in response to a central Ohio situation involving a repeat offender that was serially groping individuals. Because the crime committed ("sexual imposition") was generally so low level, the individual kept committing the offense. Sponsor testimony noted that this is happening across Ohio.

In response, the bill increases the penalty for the crime of sexual imposition when the offender also has *three or more prior* convictions of several specified sex crimes. A first time sexual imposition charge is generally a M3. However, a violation of this "3+ repeat offender" section is a M1, *and* the court *may* impose on the offender a definite jail term of not more than one year.

In response to a parallel issue, the substitute bill also increases the penalty for disorderly conduct involving voluntary intoxication when the offender has previously been convicted of the offense three or more times. This is an increase from a MM to a M4.

The bill is supported by Attorney General Mike DeWine, ACTION Ohio, Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence, the City of Columbus Prosecutor's Office, and, the Ohio Domestic Violence Network. The bill was unanimously reported out of the House Criminal Justice Committee.

### **House Bill 182**

For Ohioans struggling with high levels of personal debt, options remain limited. The goal of HB 182 is to allow consumers access to debt settlement in addition to consumer credit counseling.

Ohio law currently only allows for nonprofit credit counseling, which is an option for someone with means to pay off their debt entirely. Alternatively, Ohioans can file for bankruptcy, which carries heavy financial consequences.

Debt settlement firms can assist in reducing the principal owed, a service not offered by nonprofit credit counselors. To protect consumers, the Federal Trade Commission regulates debt settlement and issues strict guidelines – including a prohibition on upfront fees and numerous mandatory disclosure requirements. Additionally, HB 182 specifically states that the bill does not authorize the unauthorized practice of law by debt settlement companies.

HB 182 is supported by the American Fair Credit Council, but opposed by the Ohio State Bar Association, Policy Matters Ohio, and Financial Counseling Association of America. The bill was reported by the Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development Committee 8-5 with Rep. Hughes voting “no.”

### **House Bill 271**

HB 271 seeks to respond to the issue of individuals filing claims against businesses for often minor violations of the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act). Instead of allowing the business the opportunity to fix the violation, the claimant could file a lawsuit and simply walk away with a settlement. Since the goal of the ADA is to provide for ADA accessible facilities, the incentive should be there to actually fix the infraction.



The substitute version of HB 271 provides incentives for individuals with disabilities to serve written notice prior to filing an accessibility lawsuit and allow time for the business to "cure" (fix) the issue. It does not bar actions filed without notice. However, if a suit is filed without the notice, the plaintiff cannot generally recover attorney's fees.

Proponents include the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, NFIB Ohio, the Ohio Grocers Association, the Ohio Restaurant Association, the Ohio Council of Retail Merchants, and the Ohio Association for Justice. HB 271 was unanimously reported out of the House Civil Justice Committee.

HB 271 is a Buckeye Pathway bill because it enhances opportunities for Ohioans by ensuring businesses are responsive to accessibility issues, while allowing flexibility to correct problems.

### **House Bill 309**

HB 309 helps combat preconceived and unnecessary biases surrounding the ability of a blind parent to care for their children. Specially, the bill prohibits a court, public children services agency, or private child-placing agency from using a person's blindness as a reason to deny or limit that person's care for a minor.

However, the bill creates an exception to this prohibition if it is not in the best interest of the minor. The bill permits a court to determine that a person's blindness could have a detrimental impact on the minor and permits a court, PCSA, or private agency to consider the detrimental impact determination when determining the best interests of a minor.

HB 309 is supported by various groups including the National Federation of the Blind of Ohio. It has no opponents and was reported by the Community and Family Advancement Committee unanimously.

HB 309 is a Buckeye Pathway bill because it strengthens families and communities by keeping families together when possible and ensuring equal treatment for blind parents and prospective blind parents.

### **House Bill 371**

HB 371 seeks to incentivize residential construction by exempting from property taxation any increase in taxable value of land subdivided for construction of residences until construction starts on the residential buildings, the land is sold, or eight years have passed, whichever occurs first.

Under current law, if a landowner subdivides property into new lots, the county auditor places new, typically higher values on those lots – before anything has been developed or built. The increase in property value creates an increase in property taxes, which is a disincentive to subdividing lots and, subsequently, building homes. The goal of HB 371 is to reduce risk for land development, increase home construction, and provide more affordable housing.

HB 371 is supported by the Ohio Homebuilders Association and the Ohio Real Estate Investors Association, but is opposed by local government groups including Ohio School Board Association, the Ohio Municipal League, the Ohio Township Association, and the County Commissioners Association. The bill was reported by the Ways and Means Committee 15-3 with Reps. Green and Hambley voting “no.”

HB 371 is a Buckeye Pathway bill because it improves the economic environment of our state by encouraging private investment and development in our communities and increasing access to affordable housing.

## **House Bill 422**

Municipalities are facing challenges with infrastructure issues, environmental regulatory requirements, and increasing management costs related to water and wastewater systems. The goal of HB 422 is to increase options for municipalities to address their water and wastewater infrastructure needs.

HB 422 provides a regulatory framework for acquisitions or public/private partnerships between municipalities and regulated utilities. Currently, discrepancies exist between the listed values of these facilities and fair market value. HB 422 sets up a process for independent evaluations of these systems, providing a fairer and more open process for both parties of an acquisition.

HB 422 mirrors legislation in Indiana, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Missouri, New Jersey, and California. The bill is supported by Ohio Chamber of Commerce and the Ohio Municipal League, but is opposed by the Ohio Consumers' Counsel. It was reported by the Energy and Natural Resources Committee unanimously.

## **House Bill 470**

HB 470 authorizes a political subdivision to levy a property tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation solely to provide funding for the installation, operation, and maintenance of lighting for roads and public places. The term of the levy would be up to five years.

Currently, local governments typically cover the cost of lighting through their general revenue fund. Giving political subdivisions the opportunity to levy this property tax could free up general funds for need-based services, but ultimately keeps decision-making local.

HB 470 was reported by the State and Local Government Committee 11-2 with Reps. Becker and Dean voting "no." The bill has no opponents.

HB 470 is a Buckeye Pathway bill because it strengthens our communities by giving local governments additional pathways to provide well-lit, safe streets and public spaces.

### **House Bill 415**

With the goal of increasing resources for local roads, HB 415 creates the Local Government Road Improvement Fund to distribute money equitably to local governments for the purpose of road improvements and repairs.

The LGRIF would be funded through a surplus in state revenue. The bill allocates 50 percent of any state surplus revenue in a fiscal year, subject to limitations ensuring the Budget Stabilizations Fund balances are maintained.

The bill also states that the General Assembly may not decrease the amount currently allocated to the Local Government Fund (1.66 percent of total state tax revenue credited to the GRF).

HB 415 is supported by the County Commissioners Association, the Ohio Township Association, the Ohio Municipal League, and the County Engineers Association. It was reported unanimously by the State and Local Government Committee.

HB 415 is a Buckeye Pathway bill because it strengthens our communities by giving local governments additional resources to improve roads and facilitate safe transportation through our communities.

### **Senate Bill 1**

Generated in response to Ohio's drug epidemic, SB 1 targets anyone trafficking fentanyl-related substances. The bill lowers the amount of fentanyl-related compounds needed to receive the higher-level felony convictions that carry with them longer sentences.

A letter of support from Attorney General Mike DeWine noted that in Ohio we have gone from 27 reported fentanyl cases in 2012 to 3,746 reported cases in 2017.

In the House, the Criminal Justice Committee amended the provisions regarding situations where fentanyl is laced with other drugs including marijuana and Schedule 5 through 1 level drugs.

SB 1 is supported by Wayne County Prosecutor Daniel Lutz and Attorney General Mike DeWine. The bill passed the Ohio Senate 27-6 and was unanimously reported out of the House Criminal Justice Committee.

## **Senate Bill 22**

SB 22 conforms Ohio tax code to Federal code after significant changes were made at the federal level. The goal is to make filing taxes as smooth as possible.

Ohio's income tax, like nearly all state income taxes, relies heavily on coordination with federal tax law. The first line of the Ohio income tax form asks taxpayers to enter their Federal Adjusted Gross Income (FAGI) from the Federal Form 1040. Having the same starting definition of income as the federal government greatly simplifies the preparation and administration of state income tax for taxpayers, tax preparers, state tax officials, and school districts that impose income taxes.

SB 22 is currently pending in Ways and Means committee.

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**Attachments:** Reineke Whip.docx; weekly briefing 13118 with snaps.docx

Rep. Reineke,

Here are the bills for this week. If you could get us your progress by Monday at noon that would be very helpful! We'll likely be in the office this weekend so please reach out any time.

Thanks again!

Scott Lundregan

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  - *To expand the scope of a sales and use tax exemption for certain kinds of property used in the production of oil and gas*
- **Senate Bill 70** -- Sen. Coley -- Reported out of Community and Family Advancement (15-0)
  - *To amend the child support laws*

### *Snapshots*

#### **House Bill 276**

House Bill 276 would expand the offense of aggravated menacing to prohibit threatening a utility worker with intent to obstruct the operation of a utility. This bill will protect utility workers from being threatened while performing their duties as a utility worker.

Specifically, the bill would expand the offense of aggravated menacing to prohibit threatening a utility worker with intent to obstruct the operation of a utility. The individual committing this offense would have to know or have reasonable cause to know that the victim is a utility worker. The bill stipulates that a violation of the new prohibition is generally a first-degree misdemeanor, except that if the offender previously has been convicted of aggravated menacing, the offense is a fifth degree felony.

The Committee accepted a substitute bill that prohibits a person from threatening a utility worker with a deadly weapon when the person knows the worker's profession, the worker is doing his job, and the intent is to obstruct the operation of a utility. This



offense would also be categorized as aggravated menacing and would also be a first-degree misdemeanor.

House Bill 276 was reported out of Criminal Justice with a unanimous vote.

### **House Bill 281**

A recent OSU study found that nearly 1 million Ohioans lack access to fixed broadband service because of where they live. Ohio has rural communities that are largely without broadband and clusters of unserved households throughout communities that are already served – mainly due to cost.

HB 281 would effectively combine efforts by government and private enterprise to expand broadband connectivity to underserved households in Ohio. The bill creates a permissive mechanism to cover overage for broadband buildout. It would work as follows:

- The company determines the additional cost to extend broadband to an unserved area outside of their construction formula – for example, \$60,000 in addition to the company's capital investment.
- The local government may elect to pitch in 1/3 of the cost (\$20,000 in the example).
- The county may then contribute 1/3. If the county elects not to or the local government doesn't qualify, the local government would contribute 2/3.
- The state must contribute the final 1/3 for the project through DAS, and \$2 million would be appropriated for this purpose.

In the example, \$20,000 is a more manageable figure for small local governments than \$60,000. In this way, the bill encourages true public/private partnership to reduce the cost of expanding broadband access.

House Bill 281 is a Buckeye Pathway bill because it improves the economic environment of our state by modernizing the state infrastructure. The Finance Committee reported the bill 26-2 with Representatives Butler and Romanchuk voting "no."

### **House Bill 300**

HB 300 establishes a 15-year period of validity for a non-driver identification card issued to an Ohioan who is permanently disabled. Current law requires that these identifications cards expire on the birthday of the cardholder 4 years after it was issued.

It is often a burden for these individuals to meet the requirements of renewal. HB 300 also waives the \$8.50 fee for these individuals if they are also unemployed.

The bill was reported by the State and Local Government Committee unanimously and has no opponents.

### **House Bill 341**

HB 341 adds judges and magistrates to the list of personnel exempt from public records law and allows them to request that their personal and familial information be redacted from public websites.

Judge Joseph Bruzzese was recently attacked in Rep. Cera's district. While the incident may not have been prevented by this bill, it draws attention to the danger judges face through their public service and the need for protection. Judges and magistrates would join the list of protected public servants including law enforcement officers, bailiffs, prosecuting attorneys, and others.

The bill was reported by the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee unanimously and has no opponents.

### **House Bill 430**

Historically, the Department of Taxation has held that items used directly in the exploration of oil and gas are exempt from sales tax – similar to other industries, like manufacturing, where sales tax is assessed at the final point of sale and not before. However, the Department has begun assessing a sales tax on items not traditionally included such as oil/water separators and brine disposal equipment.

HB 430 clarifies the current tax exemption for the oil and gas industry and reaffirms the intent of the General Assembly. The bill removes the qualification of "direct" use in the production of oil or natural gas and defines what constitutes "production" as it applies to sales tax. Additionally, HB 430 clarifies that property used to control water pollution may qualify for the existing tax exemption if approved by ODNR (in addition to OEPA).

House Bill 430 is a Buckeye Pathway bill because it improves Ohio's economic environment by providing a growing industry with tax certainty. The Government Accountability and Oversight Committee reported the bill 9-2 with Representatives Clyde and Kelly voting "no."

## **Senate Bill 70**

SB 70 seeks to update and streamline Ohio's child support program. The bill implements necessary administrative changes that close unintended loopholes and create consistency in the system without affect substantive rights of the parties involved.

Currently, each county may have different deadlines throughout the child support process leading to confusion for individuals with child support orders in multiple counties. SB 70 implements a uniform appeals process for all child support administrative decisions and a uniform effective date for child support orders once they are issued – both 14 days. The bill also implements a uniform process for applying past due amounts to a child support order.

Additionally, SB 70 requires an applicant to file for a IV-D application – a requirement for federal reimbursement – prior to a child support case worker performing labor-intensive tasks such as paternity establishment.

SB 70 also moves the lump sum intercept process and the pursuit of child support payments from a mother to an administrative process instead of a court process, freeing up the court's time and expediting the process.

The bill passed the Senate and was reported by the Community and Family Advancement Committee unanimously.

### **Scott Lundregan**

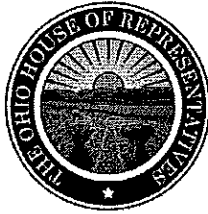
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*Tuesday, January 30, 2018*

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*Wednesday, January 31, 2018*

*Caucus 12:30 – 1:30 PM*

*Session: 1:30 PM*

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## *Snapshots*

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House Bill 276 would expand the offense of aggravated menacing to prohibit threatening a utility worker with intent to obstruct the operation of a utility. This bill will protect utility workers from being threatened while performing their duties as a utility worker.

Specifically, the bill would expand the offense of aggravated menacing to prohibit threatening a utility worker with intent to obstruct the operation of a utility. The individual committing this offense would have to know or have reasonable cause to know that the victim is a utility worker. The bill stipulates that a violation of the new prohibition is generally a first-degree misdemeanor, except that if the offender previously has been convicted of aggravated menacing, the offense is a fifth degree felony.

The Committee accepted a substitute bill that prohibits a person from threatening a utility worker with a deadly weapon when the person knows the worker's profession, the worker is doing his job, and the intent is to obstruct the operation of a utility. This offense would also be categorized as aggravated menacing and would also be a first-degree misdemeanor.

House Bill 276 was reported out of Criminal Justice with a unanimous vote.

### **House Bill 281**

A recent OSU study found that nearly 1 million Ohioans lack access to fixed broadband service because of where they live. Ohio has rural communities that are largely without broadband and clusters of unserved households throughout communities that are already served – mainly due to cost.

HB 281 would effectively combine efforts by government and private enterprise to expand broadband connectivity to underserved households in Ohio. The bill creates a permissive mechanism to cover overage for broadband buildout. It would work as follows:

- The company determines the additional cost to extend broadband to an unserved area outside of their construction formula – for example, \$60,000 in addition to the company's capital investment.
- The local government may elect to pitch in 1/3 of the cost (\$20,000 in the example).
- The county may then contribute 1/3. If the county elects not to or the local government doesn't qualify, the local government would contribute 2/3.
- The state must contribute the final 1/3 for the project through DAS, and \$2 million would be appropriated for this purpose.

In the example, \$20,000 is a more manageable figure for small local governments than \$60,000. In this way, the bill encourages true public/private partnership to reduce the cost of expanding broadband access.

House Bill 281 is a Buckeye Pathway bill because it improves the economic environment of our state by modernizing the state infrastructure. The Finance Committee reported the bill 26-2 with Representatives Butler and Romanchuk voting "no."

### **House Bill 300**

HB 300 establishes a 15-year period of validity for a non-driver identification card issued to an Ohioan who is permanently disabled. Current law requires that these identifications cards expire on the birthday of the cardholder 4 years after it was issued. It is often a burden for these individuals to meet the requirements of renewal. HB 300 also waives the \$8.50 fee for these individuals if they are also unemployed.

The bill was reported by the State and Local Government Committee unanimously and has no opponents.



### **House Bill 341**

HB 341 adds judges and magistrates to the list of personnel exempt from public records law and allows them to request that their personal and familial information be redacted from public websites.

Judge Joseph Bruzzese was recently attacked in Rep. Cera's district. While the incident may not have been prevented by this bill, it draws attention to the danger judges face through their public service and the need for protection. Judges and magistrates would join the list of protected public servants including law enforcement officers, bailiffs, prosecuting attorneys, and others.

The bill was reported by the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee unanimously and has no opponents.

### **House Bill 430**

Historically, the Department of Taxation has held that items used directly in the exploration of oil and gas are exempt from sales tax – similar to other industries, like manufacturing, where sales tax is assessed at the final point of sale and not before. However, the Department has begun assessing a sales tax on items not traditionally included such as oil/water separators and brine disposal equipment.

HB 430 clarifies the current tax exemption for the oil and gas industry and reaffirms the intent of the General Assembly. The bill removes the qualification of "direct" use in the production of oil or natural gas and defines what constitutes "production" as it applies to sales tax. Additionally, HB 430 clarifies that property used to control water pollution may qualify for the existing tax exemption if approved by ODNR (in addition to OEPA).

House Bill 430 is a Buckeye Pathway bill because it improves Ohio's economic environment by providing a growing industry with tax certainty. The Government Accountability and Oversight Committee reported the bill 9-2 with Representatives Clyde and Kelly voting "no."

### **Senate Bill 70**

SB 70 seeks to update and streamline Ohio's child support program. The bill implements necessary administrative changes that close unintended loopholes and create consistency in the system without affect substantive rights of the parties involved.

Currently, each county may have different deadlines throughout the child support process leading to confusion for individuals with child support orders in multiple counties. SB 70 implements a uniform appeals process for all child support administrative decisions and a uniform effective date for child support orders once they are issued – both 14 days. The bill also implements a uniform process for applying past due amounts to a child support order.

Additionally, SB 70 requires an applicant to file for a IV-D application – a requirement for federal reimbursement – prior to a child support case worker performing labor-intensive tasks such as paternity establishment.

SB 70 also moves the lump sum intercept process and the pursuit of child support payments from a mother to an administrative process instead of a court process, freeing up the court's time and expediting the process.

The bill passed the Senate and was reported by the Community and Family Advancement Committee unanimously.

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**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2018 2:06 PM  
**To:** Leach, Eric  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting Request for Tony Fiore regarding HB189 Cosmetology Reform

Eric thank you for holding the block of time on January 30 from 2:30-5. I will get you an answer as soon as I can.

Beverly

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**To:** Staten, Beverly <BStaten@keglerbrown.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting Request for Tony Fiore regarding HB189 Cosmetology Reform

Hi Beverly,

1/30 from 1PM-430PM  
1/31 from 330-430PM

That's as far out as I can go at the moment.

Thanks,

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Good afternoon,

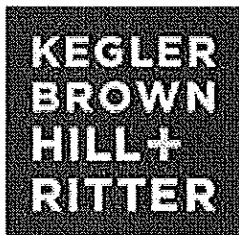
Tony would like to request a meeting with Representative Reineke to discuss HB 189 with the following interested parties:

Ohio Chamber  
NFIB  
Buckeye Institute

Could you give me a couple dates to work with and I will contact the other organizations?

Regards,

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**Subject:** RE: NEXT MEETING: High School Success and Postsecondary Connections --  
December 12 @4:00 PM

Dear Members of the High School Success and Postsecondary Workgroup:

We look forward to seeing you at 4PM tomorrow. Our agenda will be singularly focused on graduation requirements for the class of 2019 and beyond. To help facilitate our discussion, attached please find the following (*note*—if you're attending tomorrow's Workgroup meeting in person, then no need to print these documents; we will have copies on hand):

- 1) Newly developed DRAFT graduation option, which attempts to capture the small group conversations from last Tuesday (first attachment)
- 2) "Earning the OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal: A Guide for Educators, Students and Families," which describes the process for earning the seal (second attachment)
- 3) Building Ohio's Future Workforce—Report of the Governor's Executive Workforce Board, which provides the perspective of employers (third attachment)
- 4) Representative Reineke's letter, which urges that the "Career Tech Program Pathway" be made permanent. Eric Leach spoke to this letter last week (fourth attachment). We believe the draft graduation option (in first attachment) accommodates Rep. Reineke's suggestions.

**All meeting logistical details, including the call-in number, can be found below.** Please let me know if you have any questions.

See you tomorrow.  
Shaun

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Dear Workgroup Members:

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 12 at 4:00 PM. This meeting will be held in Room B-004. The dial-in number for those unable to attend in person is **614-495-8609**. As always, **backpacks are not permitted in the building**.

Keep an eye out for an email from Shaun with materials for the meeting. Additionally, we will likely be adding meeting dates into January. We will discuss potential dates with the group on Tuesday.

Let me know if you have questions in the meantime.

Thanks,  
Samantha

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Thank you for this feedback, it was very insightful! Our office will be sure to articulate these concerns today. In regards to the "Career Tech Program Pathway", that was authorized in HB 49, is it ideally designed? No need for modifications, just make it permanent?

Thanks,

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Eric,

As far as recognizing CTE programming it is what we do. If it is permanent as written it is definitely a viable and rigorous pathway for students to meet grad requirements and would recommend with no changes.

It is already in place. My opinion is why recreate a whole other point system when one is in place and they can adopt the alternatives that were created last year as permanent.

Greg

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Thank you for this feedback, it was very insightful! Our office will be sure to articulate these concerns today. In regards to the "Career Tech Program Pathway", that was authorized in HB 49, is it ideally designed? No need for modifications, just make it permanent?

Thanks,

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With the draft proposal the four-course CTE sequence is limited to 4 points out of a possible 24. If they earn a credential then a total of 6. This means they only would meet 25% of the requirements. The four-course CTE sequence entails over 900+ hours of training and would only earn (1) point per course and four courses now would be equal to a work keys test, or just one 3 hour CCP course.

Do not see how the draft proposal maintains the recognition of the quality training that is taking place in a CTE program.

If you have any questions just let me know. Thanks.

Greg

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Greg,

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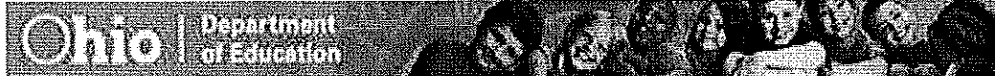
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# Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2019 and Beyond

## Concept Paper – For Discussion Purposes

### Background

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1. **State Assessment Based Pathway:** This pathway relies on the state's end-of-course examinations. Students are required to score at least 18 points across the seven end-of-course exams (each performance level has points assigned from 1 for Limited to 5 for Advanced). Students must accumulate at least 4 points on the two English exams, 4 points on the two math exams, and 6 points across the three science and social studies exams.
2. **Credential Based Pathway:** This pathway requires a student to earn an industry recognized credential or group of credentials (totaling at least 12 points) and score 13 points across the three components of the WorkKeys examination.
3. **Nationally Recognized College Readiness Pathways:** This pathway requires a student to meet the college ready cutoff on both the English and Math ACT or SAT examinations.

The recently enacted state budget bill (Am. Sub. H.B. 49) included two additional pathways. These pathways are available to students of the Class of 2018 only.

4. **Career Tech Program Pathway.** Student who successfully complete a four-course career-tech program and either pass the associated tests, earn a credential, or complete 250 hours of work experience.
5. **Alternative Knowledge Demonstration Pathway.** Students who have taken all the end-of-course exams and still are not on track to graduate may receive a diploma if they complete 2 of 9 options. These range from senior year attendance of 93% to completing a college credit plus course.

*All pathways require students to complete state and local course-taking requirements (at least 20 credits) and take all required end-of-course exams.*

### Current Issue

Given the one-year nature of the Class of 2018 alternative options, it is necessary to develop recommendations for requirements for the Class of 2019 and beyond. Looking at end-of-course data, the Class of 2019 (at the end of its sophomore year) appears to be further along in the accumulation of the 18 points required under the assessment based option, but there remain significant numbers of students who are not yet on track to graduate. In the course of the work of the Graduation Requirements Workgroup created by

the State Board of Education, and in the course of continuing conversations around the implementation of new diploma requirements, the idea of giving students opportunities to demonstrate what they know and are able to do

### **Options and Considerations**

In the spirit of conducting policy development work with the “end in mind”, this concept paper poses **three potential options for what the long term should look like**. It should be noted that the underlying assumption is that any and all options be generally equivalent in their rigor.

#### **Option A: Stick with the Original Three Options as Originally Configured**

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#### **Option B: Create an additional permanent option that is a Demonstration Based Pathway.**

This option suggests that the original three options are not sufficient, and that the state should commit to designing and deploying an option that is more heavily oriented to demonstrations of learning. Such an option could be based on a rigorous senior project or portfolio, work experience, high school GPA, course grades or a combination of these. This options would allow for some degree of district flexibility, but with standards for what constitutes rigor. This option would focus on activities during the junior and senior year. (Student achievement on assessments could be factored into this option as appropriate.)

#### **Option C: Infuse Demonstrations of Learning as Substitutes in the State Assessment Based Pathway**

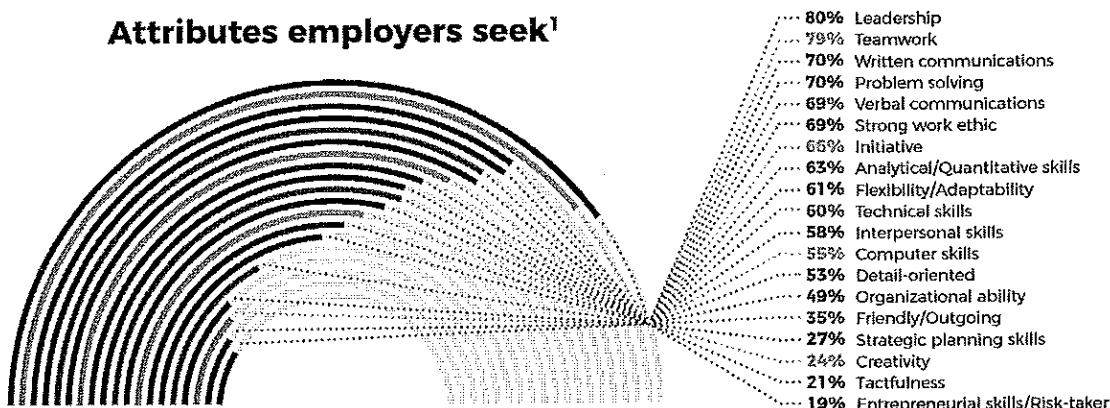
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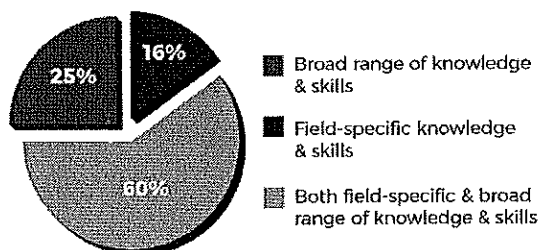
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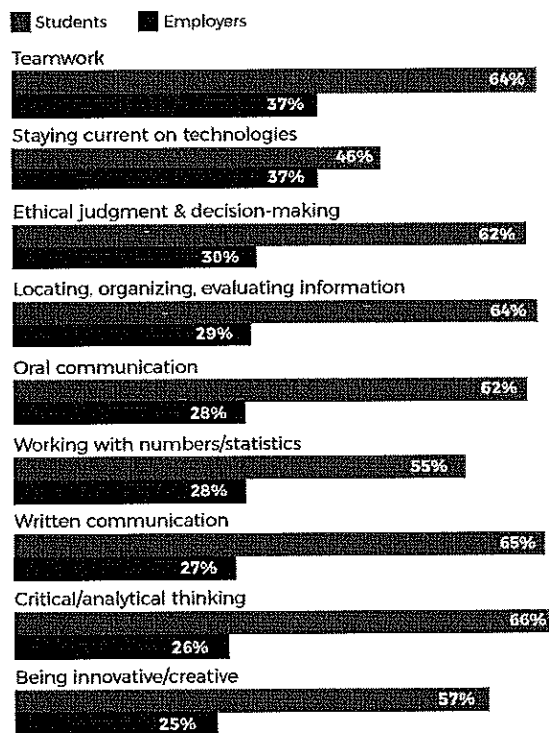
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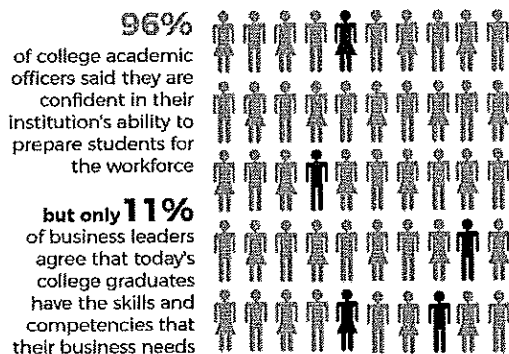


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**Sent:** Tuesday, December 12, 2017 9:47 AM  
**To:** Evans, Michael  
**Subject:** Re: NEXT MEETING: High School Success and Postsecondary Connections -- December 12 @4:00 PM

No worries, we just wanted to put this on your radar.

Thanks,  
Eric

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 12, 2017, at 9:46 AM, Evans, Michael <[Michael.Evans@owt.ohio.gov](mailto:Michael.Evans@owt.ohio.gov)> wrote:

Eric,

We will do our best to get you feedback by 4pm although it might be tough as we are getting ready to leave here very shortly to setup for the board meeting at Kokosoing.

Michael

Sent from my mobile. Please excuse brevity, spelling and punctuation.

On Dec 12, 2017, at 8:59 AM,  
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Thanks!

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Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 12 at 4:00 PM. This meeting will be held in Room B-004. The dial-in number for those unable to attend in person is 614-495-8609. As always, backpacks are not permitted in the building.

Keep an eye out for an email from Shaun with materials for the meeting. Additionally, we will likely be adding meeting dates into January. We will discuss potential dates with the group on Tuesday.

Let me know if you have questions in the meantime.

Thanks,  
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## **Another Option – Graduation Requirements (Dec. 6, 2017)**

### **Draft for Discussion Purposes Only**

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*(Note: All points values are simply illustrative. All numeric values can be adjusted as discussions unfold. Items can be deleted – or more items included. Everything in this model should be considered to be up for discussion.)*

This model is built on a system of 24 points. Student would have to secure the minimum points for each of five areas. All students would still take all high school end-of-course exams and ACT/SAT. It also assumes no double counting (e.g., can't use one AP exam in more than one category.)

#### **A. Foundational Knowledge**

1. English – Minimum of 4 points from one of the following (no mixing)
  - a. ACT/SAT score on English component (need to specify level)
  - b. 4 points between the two end-of-course English exams
  - c. AP exam – score of 2? (AP English language and composition; AP English literature and composition)
  - d. IB comparable
  - e. 2.8 GPA on all high school (or Jr/Sr year?) English courses
  - f. English language/writing/communication component of Sr. Capstone
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  - a. ACT/SAT science subexam? (specify level)

- b. 2 points on Biology end of course exam
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  - b. Industry credential (2 points)
  - c. Am. History/Am. Government end of course exams
  - d. AP course exam grade 2 or higher (2 points? for each exam)
  - e. IB comparable
  - f. College credit plus courses w/grade of C or better (3 points? each)
  - g. 2.8 GPA on all non-English/non-Math/non-Science high school courses (3 points?)
  - h. Additional points on Eng/Math/Science end-of-course exams (above 2 on any test)

**C. Critical Skills (Success Skills)**

5. Meaningful Extracurriculars – 6 points – (Mixing allowed – would have to assign points to each item – specify persistence? Multiple years?):
- a. Marching band
  - b. Choir
  - c. Sports participation
  - d. School Theatre production
  - e. Community Service
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  - g. Art portfolio
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  - i. Eagle Scout/Gold Award

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**From:** Leach, Eric

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 12, 2017 8:59 AM

**To:** 'Evans, Michael'

**Subject:** FW: NEXT MEETING: High School Success and Postsecondary Connections -- December 12 @4:00 PM

**Attachments:** GradReqs-ConsolidatedOption-DRAFT-NewVersion-Dec2017.docx; Earning the OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal - Educators Students and Families\_12.6.17 (003).docx; Future of Workforce Report.pdf; Letter from Rep. Reineke.jpg

Michael,

Representative Reineke wanted to get Director Burgess's thoughts on the below email and attachments. What are your thoughts on the new **draft** graduation requirement option (1<sup>st</sup> attachment)? Is this a good option?

Would love to get your feedback before the meeting today at 4PM.

Thanks!

**Eric Leach**

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**Subject:** RE: NEXT MEETING: High School Success and Postsecondary Connections -- December 12 @4:00 PM

Dear Members of the High School Success and Postsecondary Workgroup:

We look forward to seeing you at 4PM tomorrow. Our agenda will be singularly focused on graduation requirements for the class of 2019 and beyond. To help facilitate our discussion, attached please find the following (*note*—if you're attending tomorrow's Workgroup meeting in person, then no need to print these documents; we will have copies on hand):

- 1) Newly developed DRAFT graduation option, which attempts to capture the small group conversations from last Tuesday (first attachment)
- 2) "Earning the OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal: A Guide for Educators, Students and Families," which describes the process for earning the seal (second attachment)
- 3) Building Ohio's Future Workforce—Report of the Governor's Executive Workforce Board, which provides the perspective of employers (third attachment)
- 4) Representative Reineke's letter, which urges that the "2-Career Tech Program Pathway" be made permanent. Eric Leach spoke to this letter last week (fourth attachment). We believe the draft graduation option (in first attachment) accommodates Rep. Reineke's suggestions.

**All meeting logistical details, including the call-in number, can be found below.** Please let me know if you have any questions.

See you tomorrow.

Shaun

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**Subject:** NEXT MEETING: High School Success and Postsecondary Connections -- December 12 @4:00 PM

Dear Workgroup Members:

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 12 at 4:00 PM. This meeting will be held in Room B-004. The dial-in number for those unable to attend in person is **614-495-8609**. As always, **backpacks are not permitted in the building**.

Keep an eye out for an email from Shaun with materials for the meeting. Additionally, we will likely be adding meeting dates into January. We will discuss potential dates with the group on Tuesday.

Let me know if you have questions in the meantime.

Thanks,  
Samantha



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## **Another Option – Graduation Requirements (Dec. 6, 2017)**

### **Draft for Discussion Purposes Only**

*(The contents of this document should not be construed as reflecting the position of the State Board of Education, the Department of Education or the State Superintendent.)*

*(Note: All points values are simply illustrative. All numeric values can be adjusted as discussions unfold. Items can be deleted – or more items included. Everything in this model should be considered to be up for discussion.)*

This model is built on a system of 24 points. Student would have to secure the minimum points for each of five areas. All students would still take all high school end-of-course exams and ACT/SAT. It also assumes no double counting (e.g., can't use one AP exam in more than one category.)

#### **A. Foundational Knowledge**

1. English – Minimum of 4 points from one of the following (no mixing)
  - a. ACT/SAT score on English component (need to specify level)
  - b. 4 points between the two end-of-course English exams
  - c. AP exam – score of 2? (AP English language and composition; AP English literature and composition)
  - d. IB comparable
  - e. 2.8 GPA on all high school (or Jr/Sr year?) English courses
  - f. English language/writing/communication component of Sr. Capstone
  - g. (if we still have WorkKeys, you could include that here too)
  - h. College credit plus English course w/grade of C or better
2. Math – Minimum of 4 points from one of the following (no mixing)
  - a. ACT/SAT score on Math component (need to specify level)
  - b. 4 points between two end-of-course Math exams
  - c. AP exam – score of 2? (AP Calculus, AP Statistics)
  - d. IB comparable
  - e. 2.8 GPA on all high school (or Jr/Sr year?) Math courses
  - f. Math/Statistical analysis component of Sr. Capstone
  - g. (If we still have WorkKeys, you could include that here too)
  - h. College credit plus math course w/grade of C or better

#### **B. Content Courses**

3. Science – Minimum of 2 points from one of the following (no mixing)
  - a. ACT/SAT science subexam? (specify level)

- b. 2 points on Biology end of course exam
- c. AP Exam – score of 2? (AP Bio, Chem, Physics {any}, Env. Sci.)
- d. IB comparable
- e. 2.8 GPA on all high school (or Jr/Sr year?) Science courses
- f. College credit plus science course w/grade of C or better

4. Other Subjects – Minimum of 6 points (mixing allowed – would have to assign point values to each of these)
  - a. Four course career tech sequence (4 points)
  - b. Industry credential (2 points)
  - c. Am. History/Am. Government end of course exams
  - d. AP course exam grade 2 or higher (2 points? for each exam)
  - e. IB comparable
  - f. College credit plus courses w/grade of C or better (3 points? each)
  - g. 2.8 GPA on all non-English/non-Math/non-Science high school courses (3 points?)
  - h. Additional points on Eng/Math/Science end-of-course exams (above 2 on any test)

#### C. Critical Skills (Success Skills)

5. Meaningful Extracurriculars – 6 points – (Mixing allowed – would have to assign points to each item – specify persistence? Multiple years?):
  - a. Marching band
  - b. Choir
  - c. Sports participation
  - d. School Theatre production
  - e. Community Service
  - f. Workplace Experience – OMJ Career Readiness Seal
  - g. Art portfolio
  - h. FFA State Degree
  - i. Eagle Scout/Gold Award

*Note: One could perhaps figure out a way – rather than having capstone components – to have a holistic senior capstone that, if successfully completed could yield all the English, Math and Science points.*

**From:** Reineke, Bill  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 3, 2017 9:19 AM  
**To:** Lundregan, Scott; Kasych, Shawn; Leach, Eric  
**Subject:** Fwd: Seneca County Drug Court

Wanted to ask that HB354 be put on the calendar for Tuesday. I had indicated to Jason Varney, ODRC, per our discussions, that the bill would probably be voted on Tuesday, in order for Seneca County to get the grant.

Please consider this request, HB 354 is a collaborative prototype for a statewide model for a county/city drug court, drafted with the help of Justice Peiffer and the Supreme Court.

Thank you for your consideration

Please advise!

BillReineke

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Steve Shuff <[sshuff@senecacocourts.org](mailto:sshuff@senecacocourts.org)>  
**Date:** December 2, 2017 at 9:14:28 AM CST  
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**Subject:** FW: Seneca County Drug Court

FYI..... THANKS !!!! Judge Shuff

**From:** Varney, Jason [<mailto:JasonVarney@orianahouse.org>]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 01, 2017 1:59 PM  
**To:** Michael Kelbley; Steve Shuff; Mark E. Repp  
**Cc:** Boros, Alec; Smith, Tessa L.; Machol, Joseph; Caister, Christi; Ebner, Carl; Connell-Freund, Anne; Rochford, Bernard; Jones, Mary; Longstreth, Sally; England, Deanna; Glitzenstein, Jodi; Manolopoulos, Harry; [director@mhrsbsw.org](mailto:director@mhrsbsw.org); Beers, Emily; Hawkins, Jennifer  
**Subject:** Seneca County Drug Court

**Congratulations...**your application for JRIG funds to start up the PIVOT drug court program in Seneca County has been approved!

ODRC's only concern is the status of HB 354. It may re-evaluate the grant in the unlikely event that it does not pass. We will continue to monitor of course.

We will need to begin recruiting for the grant team positions and we will need to engineer a contract between the County and Oriana. Looking forward to working with you to implement this program😊

**Jason Varney**

VP of Correctional Programs-NorthCentral Ohio

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**From:** Rep48@ohiohouse.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, November 27, 2017 1:35 PM  
**To:** William Reineke  
**Subject:** RE: Dandurand Info

Representative Reineke,

I will pass along your message and attachment to Representative Schuring.

Best,

Abby

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**Subject:** FW: Dandurand Info

Representative Schuring,

I have encouraged Steve Dandurand to send forth his resume for your review. In my opinion, he would be an excellent replacement for Rep Goodman.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance in this matter.

Bill Reineke  
State Representative, 88th District  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** sdandy5@bright.net [<mailto:sdandy5@bright.net>]  
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**Subject:** Dandurand Info

Bill,

Per our conversation earlier today, please find attached a brief summary of my professional and personal experience for your review.

I really appreciate your approach to engaging others into public service. I believe my diverse background would be very useful in the Ohio House of Representatives in helping us create an environment for our citizens and our businesses to compete successfully in the global economy.

Please feel free to share the attached information with others in the Statehouse who may have an interest in my background and qualifications.

Thanks again and I look forward to touching base with you in the near future.

Steve

**From:** Scott.Lundregan@ohiohouse.gov  
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**Subject:** Whip 121317  
**Attachments:** Reineke Whip.docx; Rep. Latourette Whip.docx; weekly briefing 121317 with snaps.pdf

Reps. Reineke and LaTourette,

Here is the information for whips this weekend. We are asking that you reach out to your list and provide us a report (in whatever format you desire) by Monday morning. Shawn and I will handle the members who you didn't get in touch with and those with questions on particular bills on Monday. Thank you so much for your help with this. Feel free to call Shawn or I at any point over the weekend with questions – you are a 'part-time' legislators but we're full time staff!

#### **Consideration of Senate Amendments**

- **House Bill 170** -- Reps. Carfagna, Duffey – Passed by the House (83-12); Passed by the Senate (31-0)
  - *With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; to create a competitive technology grant program for the 2018-2019 school year; and to make an appropriation.*

#### **Bills for Third Consideration**

- **House Bill 21** -- Rep. Hambley – Reported out of Education and Career Readiness (16-0)
  - *Regarding verification of community school enrollments.*
- **House Bill 66** -- Rep. Young – Reported out of Higher Education and Workforce Development (10-1) (Clyde-No)
  - *To establish the Undergraduate Mission Study Committee to evaluate each state university's efforts to secure participation in the undergraduate mission by the university's tenured faculty members.*
- **House Bill 104** -- Rep. Schaffer – Reported out of Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development (13-0)



- *To allow vendors to receive a refund of sales tax remitted for bad debts on private label credit accounts when the debt is charged off as uncollectible by the credit account lender.*
- **House Bill 202** -- Rep. Thompson -- Reported out of Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security (10-0)
  - *To designate the first Saturday of May as "Veterans Suicide Awareness Day."*
- **House Bill 283** -- Rep. Rezabek -- Reported out of Criminal Justice (12-0)
  - *Regarding certain adoptions involving abused, neglected, or dependent children and to allow posthumous final decrees of adoption.*
- **House Bill 291** -- Rep. Wiggam -- Reported out of State and Local Government (13-0)
  - *To authorize counties, townships, and municipal corporations to purchase an employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty insurance policy, instead of a bond, for protection from loss due to the fraudulent or dishonest actions of, and the failure to perform a duty prescribed by law by, an officer, official, employee, or appointee for which a bond is required by law.*
- **House Bill 307** -- Rep. Gonzales -- Reported out of State and Local Government (13-0)
  - *To designate September as "We Card Month."*
- **House Bill 336** -- Reps. Barnes, Greenspan -- Reported out of Insurance (13-0)
  - *To require the registrar of motor vehicles to establish a six month driver's license reinstatement fee debt reduction and amnesty program and to name this act the Reinstatement Fee Amnesty Initiative.*
- **Senate Bill 6** -- Sen. Hoagland -- Pending in Transportation and Public Safety
  - *To extend the Ohio Bridge Partnership Program through the end of fiscal year 2019 and to require the Director of Transportation to submit a report to the Governor, Senate, and House of Representatives recommending ways to continue to fund the program.*
- **Senate Bill 62** -- Sen. Yuko -- Reported out of State and Local Government (13-0)
  - *To designate July 8 as "Harrison Dillard Day."*
- **Senate Bill 134** -- Sen. Gardner -- Pending in Transportation and Public Safety

- *To designate a portion of State Route 795 in Wood County as the "Lt Col Thomas P. Belkofer Memorial Highway."*
  - *\*\*License Plate/Road Naming Omnibus\*\**
- **Senate Bill 169** – Sens. Wilson, Eklund – Reported out of Insurance (13-0)
  - *To permit the Superintendent of Insurance to act as or select a group-wide supervisor for an internationally active insurance group, regarding delinquency proceedings involving insurer-members of federal home loan banks, and to oversee the sale of travel insurance.*
- **House Concurrent Resolution 16** – Rep. Thompson – Reported out of Energy and Natural Resources (11-0)
  - *To urge the Congress of the United States and President of the United States to take certain actions to counter manipulation of the oil market by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).*

### *Snapshots*

#### **House Bill 170** -- Reps. Carfagna and Duffey

House Bill 170 provides students access to quality, robust computer science education in kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, while also having course unit flexibility in math and science. The bill defines computer science in the Ohio Revised Code and provides a framework for school districts to implement computer science standards into current curriculum standards.

The bill also requires that the State Board of Education adopt standards and model curriculum for K-12 computer science and include standards for introductory and advanced courses for high school. For districts who opt into the standards, students would be afforded the opportunity to take an advanced computer science course in lieu of Algebra II, and computer science courses in place of a science or an elective course.

House Bill 170 also promotes the development of public private partnerships through the establishment of the Computer Science and Technology fund, where local districts can leverage district dollars with private donations to fund programs. The bill also seeks to streamline teacher licensing for individuals who qualify to teach computer science.

The Senate added the following provisions to the bill:

- Requires that, if a student chooses to substitute advanced computer science for Algebra II as permitted by the bill, the parent, guardian, or legal custodian of the student must sign and submit to the school a document containing a statement acknowledging that not taking Algebra II may have an adverse effect on college admission decisions
- Permits, rather than requires, a chartered nonpublic school that is not religiously affiliated to receive Auxiliary Services funding directly rather than from the school district in which the school is located. Placed guardrails around this language including:
  - For nonreligious private schools to receive the direct funding, they must by April 1<sup>st</sup> each odd-numbered year elect to do so with approval from ODE;
  - For current biennium, within 30 days of effective date, these schools must notify ODE if they wish to return the funding they received for auxiliary services;
  - Requirement that the Auxiliary Services direct funding shall be used for the same purposes

House Bill 170 is a Buckeye Pathway bill because it enhances opportunities for students in Ohio by giving flexibility to districts to teach skills that are desperately needed in today's workplace. It passed the House of Representatives (83-12) and passed the Senate (31-0). House Bill 170 received support from Google, Amazon, Dell, Sherwin Williams, The Timken Company, and Cleveland Metropolitan School District. The bill was also a key vote for the Ohio Chamber of Commerce.

### **House Bill 21**

House Bill 21 will place more accountability on the governing authorities and sponsors of community schools in verifying the residency of their student. Under the bill, community schools are required to review their residency records monthly, and to report these records annually to The Ohio Department of Education. The governing authority will also be required to adopt policies that pertain to prescribing the number of documents required and the information required to verify a student's residency.

Current law only requires school district boards of education to conduct monthly reviews of enrollment records of students in their districts who are enrolled in community schools. This review process includes verifying to the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) the community school at which a student attends and that the student is entitled to attend school at that school district.

Under the bill if there is a disagreement regarding a student's resident district, the community school must provide the student's resident district with documentation of the student's residency and make a good faith effort to identify the student's residence. Furthermore, the community school may refer the matter to ODE. ODE is required to settle the dispute within 30 days and then make any necessary community school funding transfer adjustments.

House Bill 21 was reported unanimously out of Education and Career Readiness.

### **House Bill 66**

House Bill 66 will begin the process for examining the current state of higher education tenure for faculty in Ohio's public institutions of higher education. The bill would establish the "Undergraduate Mission Study Committee" whose purpose will be to evaluate how each university contributes to its mission, including the encouragement for face-to-face interactions between students and the faculty.

There will be 15 members appointed to the study committee that ranges from legislative members (House/Senate co-chairs), ODHE, IUC, faculty, and students. The study committee will also be charged with completing a report six months after the bill's effective date.

House Bill 66 was reported out of Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee (10-1) (Clyde-NO).

### **House Bill 104**

House Bill 104 will modernize the tax code to allow overpaid sales tax to be returned to retailers. The bill allows vendors to deduct or receive a refund of sales tax remitted for bad debts on private label credit accounts when the debt is charged off as uncollectible by the credit account lender or by a person succeeding to such accounts (e.g, debt collector).

In recent years, retailers have contracted out the operation of their in-store credit cards. They have found it more efficient to engage a private label credit card company. The store logo remains on the card, but it is owned and managed by the private label. When a purchase is made with one of these cards, retailers must advance the sales tax to the state for items bought by consumers with those cards, even if the customer defaults on the card and its debt.

In all 50 states, including Ohio, the code allows for retailers who own their credit cards to apply for a refund on the sales tax in these circumstances. However, Ohio law has not yet evolved to allow retailers to apply for a refund when their in-store cards are owned by a private label. This is an inequity and it has created an unfair cash flow to the state at the expense of the retailer. While in committee, an amendment was accepted that changed the applicable debt charge-off date from July 1, 2017 to Jan. 1, 2018.

House Bill 104 was reported unanimously out of Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development and is supported by the Chamber of Commerce and the Ohio Council of Retail Merchants.

### **House Bill 283**

House Bill 283 provides important clarity in regards to jurisdiction of probate and juvenile courts with respect to adoption proceedings that involve abuse, neglect, or dependency cases.

House Bill 283 provides a solution to the issue that arises when the juvenile and probate court have conflicting jurisdiction over certain cases. This jurisdictional problem was highlighted in a recent case in the Supreme Court of Ohio where the Court held that a probate court's authority to order preadoption placement is within its exclusive, original jurisdiction over adoption proceedings even while the child is subject to juvenile court's continuing jurisdiction.

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Senate Bill 6 is currently pending in the Transportation Committee.

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## **House Concurrent Resolution 16**

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HCR 16 was reported unanimously out of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

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**Wednesday, December 13 2017**

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*Session: 1:30 PM*

#### **Consideration of Senate Amendments**



- **House Bill 170** -- Reps. Carfagna, Duffey -- Passed by the House (83-12); Passed by the Senate (31-0)
  - *With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; to create a competitive technology grant program for the 2018-2019 school year; and to make an appropriation.*

#### **Bills for Third Consideration**

- **House Bill 21** -- Rep. Hambley -- Reported out of Education and Career Readiness (16-0)
  - *Regarding verification of community school enrollments.*
- **House Bill 66** -- Rep. Young -- Reported out of Higher Education and Workforce Development (10-1) (Clyde-No)
  - *To establish the Undergraduate Mission Study Committee to evaluate each state university's efforts to secure participation in the undergraduate mission by the university's tenured faculty members.*
- **House Bill 104** -- Rep. Schaffer -- Reported out of Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development (13-0)
  - *To allow vendors to receive a refund of sales tax remitted for bad debts on private label credit accounts when the debt is charged off as uncollectible by the credit account lender.*
- **House Bill 202** -- Rep. Thompson -- Reported out of Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security (10-0)
  - *To designate the first Saturday of May as "Veterans Suicide Awareness Day."*
- **House Bill 283** -- Rep. Rezabek -- Reported out of Criminal Justice (12-0)

- *Regarding certain adoptions involving abused, neglected, or dependent children and to allow posthumous final decrees of adoption.*



- **House Bill 291** -- Rep. Wiggam -- Reported out of State and Local Government (13-0)
  - *To authorize counties, townships, and municipal corporations to purchase an employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty insurance policy, instead of a bond, for protection from loss due to the fraudulent or dishonest actions of, and the failure to perform a duty prescribed by law by, an officer, official, employee, or appointee for which a bond is required by law.*
- **House Bill 307** -- Rep. Gonzales -- Reported out of State and Local Government (13-0)
  - *To designate September as "We Card Month."*



- **House Bill 336** -- Reps. Barnes, Greenspan -- Reported out of Insurance (13-0)
  - *To require the registrar of motor vehicles to establish a six month driver's license reinstatement fee debt reduction and amnesty program and to name this act the Reinstatement Fee Amnesty Initiative.*
- **Senate Bill 6** -- Sen. Hoagland -- Pending in Transportation and Public Safety
  - *To extend the Ohio Bridge Partnership Program through the end of fiscal year 2019 and to require the Director of Transportation to submit a report to the Governor, Senate, and House of Representatives recommending ways to continue to fund the program.*
- **Senate Bill 62** -- Sen. Yuko -- Reported out of State and Local Government (13-0)
  - *To designate July 8 as "Harrison Dillard Day."*
- **Senate Bill 134** -- Sen. Gardner -- Pending in Transportation and Public Safety
  - *To designate a portion of State Route 795 in Wood County as the "Lt Col Thomas P. Belkofer Memorial Highway."*
  - **\*\*License Plate/Road Naming Omnibus\*\***
- **Senate Bill 169** -- Sens. Wilson, Eklund -- Reported out of Insurance (13-0)
  - *To permit the Superintendent of Insurance to act as or select a group-wide supervisor for an internationally active insurance group, regarding delinquency proceedings involving insurer-members of federal home loan banks, and to oversee the sale of travel insurance.*
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### *Snapshots*

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The bill also requires that the State Board of Education adopt standards and model curriculum for K-12 computer science and include standards for introductory and advanced courses for high school. For districts who opt into the standards, students would be afforded the opportunity to take an advanced computer science course in lieu of Algebra II, and computer science courses in place of a science or an elective course.

House Bill 170 also promotes the development of public private partnerships through the establishment of the Computer Science and Technology fund, where local districts can leverage district dollars with private donations to fund programs. The bill also seeks to streamline teacher licensing for individuals who qualify to teach computer science.

The Senate added the following provisions to the bill:

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- Currently must be open and carrying vehicular traffic
- Not currently being funded by other sources

While Senate Bill 6 was passed into law in the Transportation Budget (HB 26), the Transportation Committee is going to amend the bill to allow for the project to continue through Fiscal Year 2020, to expressly permit the use of public/private partnerships, and they are going to remove the requirement that the Department of Transportation report to the General Assembly about the recommendations for how the department can continue to fund the program.

Senate Bill 6 is currently pending in the Transportation Committee.

#### **Senate Bill 169**

Senate Bill 169 will regulate the offer and dissemination of travel insurance in Ohio. Senate Bill 169 mirrors the uniform standards for travel insurance found in a model act adopted by the National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) as well as consistent licensing standards adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). Similar reforms are currently in place in 47 other states, and this legislation would bring Ohio up-to-speed and in line with the rest of the country.

Senate Bill 169 will resolve problems of regulatory inconsistencies that face the travel insurance providers and travel agents by updating the licensing process to reflect today's current marketplace operations. Additionally, the bill will provide consumer protections by requiring new, clearer accountability and notice provisions with respect to who is responsible for the sale of travel insurance. Finally, by adopting the uniform standards that are already used across the nation, Senate Bill 169 will enable reciprocity among these states.

Specifically, the bills does the following:

- The bill distinguishes travel insurance from longer-term medical insurance that covers a person who will be spending 6 months or more overseas.
- The bill allows the Superintendent of Insurance to issue limited lines travel insurance license. The limited lines travel insurance license will allow the licensee (who is an insurance agent) to work in conjunction with a travel retailer (like a travel agent) to also offer travel insurance.
- The travel agents who offer travel insurance will only be able to offer the travel insurance when providing travel agent services
- Imposes certain disclosure provisions and gives ODI disciplinary powers

While in the House Insurance Committee an amendment was added that alters the federal home loan bank liquidation process governing collateral to alleviate recent federal regulations stemming from Dodd-Frank. The bill was reported unanimously out of the Insurance Committee and has no opponents.

#### **House Concurrent Resolution 16**

House Concurrent Resolution 16 urges Congress (or the President if Congress doesn't act) to counter OPEC's manipulation of the oil market by:

- Requesting the passage of HR 545, which would create a Commission to investigate OPEC and make recommendations to address any negative impacts.
- Requesting an executive action to create the Commission (if Congress does not pass HR 545).

Much of Ohio's economy is related to the energy industry, and any influence of the oil market by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) directly affects Ohio's economy. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has greatly influenced the price of oil by manipulating global supply, most recently seen in 2014 when the price of oil fell as OPEC maintained high production in response to growing U.S. shale production. As a result of this manipulation, jobs in the Ohio oil and gas sector fell 24.5% between 2014 and 2015 to 6,291.

HCR 16 was reported unanimously out of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

**From:** Robert.McColley@ohiohouse.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, October 27, 2017 2:33 PM  
**CC:** Robert.McColley@ohiohouse.gov  
**Subject:** Week of 10/30 Vote Whips

Good afternoon,

The Speaker has asked that we whip the following bills that may be on the floor this coming week. Please let me know by 5pm on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> how you plan to vote on the bills. If you have questions, please contact me, Scott Lundregan or the bill sponsor. Thank you.

Rob

#### **House Bill 214**

House Bill 214, or The Down Syndrome Non-Discrimination Act, prohibits a person from performing an abortion if the person knew that the pregnant woman sought the abortion because the unborn child has Down syndrome or may have Down syndrome.

Under the bill, a violation of this prohibition is a fourth degree felony and the physician would also lose their medical license and would be liable in a civil action.

This bill is priority legislation for Ohio Right to Life. House Bill 214 was reported out of the House Health Committee (12-6) (Antonio Barnes Kent Lepore-Hagan Sykes West No).

#### **House Bill 50**

House Bill 50 would require that each SNAP card include a color photograph of at least one adult member of the household. The purpose of the bill is to protect the integrity of the SNAP program, deter trafficking in cards for drugs and other illegal activity and preserve the precious funds for those in need.

The bill exempts adults over 60, those who are blind or disabled, those with religious objections to being photographed, and victims of domestic violence from the above provision. The bill also requires that each SNAP card include information on how to report suspected SNAP fraud.

In order to cut down on costs, the bill permits the BMV to share photographs with JFS for use on the SNAP cards. LSC projects that the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and county departments of job and family services could incur one-time costs of roughly \$1.5 million to \$2.0 million under the bill and ongoing annual costs of roughly \$1.0 million to \$3.0 million. However, it is estimated that the federal government would reimburse approximately 50% of the costs incurred from this bill.

House Bill 50 was reported out of the Community and Family Advancement Committee (9-5) (Boyd, Barnes, Howse, Kent, Sheehy No).

#### **House Bill 174**

House Bill 174 adds two judges to the Domestic Relations Division of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, one to be elected in 2018 and one to be elected in 2020. The bill also declares an emergency so that judicial candidates have time to meet the filing deadlines to appear on the ballot in 2018.

Franklin County's entire domestic relations and juvenile incoming caseload per judge in 2014 was the largest among the five major metropolitan counties. In a letter last year, the Supreme Court's staff analyzed case load and population growth data, and concluded that the need for two additional judgeships is well supported by the data. Proponent testimony included the Columbus Bar Association, the Franklin County Commissioners, the current Franklin County Domestic Relations Judges, Franklin County Prosecutor Ron O'Brien, and the Franklin County Public Defender.

House bill 174 was reported unanimously out of the Civil Justice Committee.

#### **House Bill 58**

House Bill 58 would require instruction in printed and cursive writing for grades K-5. The bill also requires ODE to assist school districts in identifying the most appropriate means for integrating the bill's handwriting requirements into their existing curricula and ODE must assist in identifying instructional materials to meet the handwriting requirements.

Schools currently can offer cursive writing instruction in their curriculum, but no requirement exists for school districts. House Bill 58 was reported out of the House Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee 10-3 (Duffey Antani Ingram No).

#### **House Bill 119**

House Bill 119 requires ODJFS and Medicaid to verify certain information (financial, employment, residential information, etc.) quarterly to verify eligibility for SNAP and Medicaid. Current law only requires annual verification. If, during the course of verification, ODJFS or Medicaid suspect fraud, the bill permits the agencies to refer cases of suspected fraud to administrative disqualification hearings and the county prosecutor.

The bill would prohibit ODJFS from denying an application or discontinuing benefits due to a discrepancy or change in circumstances until the applicant or recipient has been provided written notice. Because SNAP and Medicaid is largely governed by federal law, few program

administration requirements are included in the Ohio Revised Code. This bill would establish necessary clarification on the requirements for eligibility verification of the programs.

House Bill 119 is a Buckeye Pathway because it strengthens families and communities by ensuring that assistance is provided to Ohioans who truly need it. House Bill 119 was reported unanimously out of the Community and Family Advancement Committee.

#### **House Bill 137**

House Bill 137 adds peace officers to the list of professionals who must report known or suspected child abuse and neglect. The bill also expands the types of peace officers who may receive reports of known or suspected child abuse and neglect. Ohio is presently the only state to not classify officers as mandatory reporters, although testimony indicated most officers who suspect child abuse or neglect do already report said abuse or neglect.

Proponents included the Fraternal Order Of Police of Ohio, Inc., the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Office of the Ohio Public Defender.

House bill 137 was reported unanimously out of the Criminal Justice Committee.

#### **House Bill 292**

House Bill 292 addresses issues arising from a 2015 Ohio Supreme Court case that incorporated the common law of domicile into Ohio's bright-line residency statute (R.C. 5747.24). The bill replaces the nebulous common law standard for determining a residency for tax purposes by adding several explicit, objective criteria for establishing the presumption that an individual is not an Ohio resident for tax purposes.

These criteria are (1) not claiming the federal depreciation deduction; (2) not holding an Ohio drivers license or ID card, (3) not claiming the homestead exemption; and (4) not receiving an in-state tuition discount. Meeting these new criteria, in addition to existing law which requires that a taxpayer attest to having fewer than 213 "contact periods" (overnight stays) and having a year long non-Ohio abode, creates an irrebuttable presumption of non-Ohio domicile.

House Bill 292 is a Buckeye Pathway bill because it improves Ohio's economic environment by providing tax certainty to persons who live part of the time and own property in Ohio, but reside in other states.

HB 292 is supported by the Ohio Society of CPAs, the Ohio State Bar Association, and the Ohio Jewish Communities, and was voted out of House Ways and Means Committee (17-1).

#### **House Bill 334**

House Bill 334 clarifies existing law to ensure that owners of businesses using a Professional Employer Organization (PEO) are eligible for the business income tax deduction.

In the course of business, some small businesses might outsource certain human relations tasks to a professional employer organization (PEO), including the management of payroll and employee benefits and compliance with employment-related regulations.

In such cases, when an individual who holds a 20% or more interest in a small business receives income from the PEO, rather than directly from the small business, the Department of Taxation has asserted that this income is not considered business income, and therefore not eligible for the business income deduction or 3% flat tax.

HB 334 will remedy this technicality and ensure that business owners who made the choice to hire a PEO – a choice they made to ensure efficient human resources administration and regulatory compliance – are not penalized.

House Bill 334 is a Buckeye Pathway bill because it improves Ohio's economic environment by providing small business owners with tax certainty. The bill was reported unanimously out of House Ways & Means Committee.

**From:** kyle  
**Sent:** Friday, December 8, 2017 5:39 PM  
**To:** William Reineke  
**Subject:** Re: Bills to vote on Wednesday, December 13

Bill,

I am good on all HB except 283 (I will be voting no and Jeff Rezebak knows). I will also be removing my name as a co-sponsor after I talk to Brad Young about how that is done. Again, Rezebak knows all this.

I am concerned about how an appropriation become part of Carfagna's Computer Sciencd bill and am considering voting "no? D. I pushed in Education to remove original appropriation. Now the Senate put it back in.

All others are good.

Kyle

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 8, 2017, at 4:53 PM, William Reineke <[william.reineke@drivereineke.com](mailto:william.reineke@drivereineke.com)> wrote:

**Hi Kyle,**

My first attempt at whipping!

We have a big schedule this week, 14 votes.

Please let me know if you will be voting yes or no on the following bills:

Feel free to call me with any questions, or feel free to call the sponsor.

If you could respond before the weekend is over, it will help with the vote count and placing it on the calendar.

Thanks, Bill

Bill Reineke  
State Representative, 88<sup>th</sup> District  
c) 419 934 7387



### **Consideration of Senate Amendments**

- **House Bill 170** -- Reps. Carfagna, Duffey – Passed by the House (83-12); Passed by the Senate (31-0)
  - *With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; to create a competitive technology grant program for the 2018-2019 school year; and to make an appropriation.*

### **Bills for Third Consideration**

- **House Bill 21** -- Rep. Hambley – Reported out of Education and Career Readiness (16-0)
  - *Regarding verification of community school enrollments.*
- **House Bill 66** – Rep. Young – Reported out of Higher Education and Workforce Development (10-1) (Clyde-No)
  - *To establish the Undergraduate Mission Study Committee to evaluate each state university's efforts to secure participation in the undergraduate mission by the university's tenured faculty members.*
- **House Bill 104** -- Rep. Schaffer – Reported out of Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development (13-0)
  - *To allow vendors to receive a refund of sales tax remitted for bad debts on private label credit accounts when the debt is charged off as uncollectible by the credit account lender.*
- **House Bill 202** -- Rep. Thompson – Reported out of Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security (10-0)
  - *To designate the first Saturday of May as "Veterans Suicide Awareness Day."*

- **House Bill 283** – Rep. Rezabek – Reported out of Criminal Justice (12-0)
  - *Regarding certain adoptions involving abused, neglected, or dependent children and to allow posthumous final decrees of adoption.*
- **House Bill 291** -- Rep. Wiggam – Reported out of State and Local Government (13-0)
  - *To authorize counties, townships, and municipal corporations to purchase an employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty insurance policy, instead of a bond, for protection from loss due to the fraudulent or dishonest actions of, and the failure to perform a duty prescribed by law by, an officer, official, employee, or appointee for which a bond is required by law.*
- **House Bill 307** – Rep. Gonzales – Reported out of State and Local Government (13-0)
  - *To designate September as "We Card Month."*
- **House Bill 336** – Reps. Barnes, Greenspan – Reported out of Insurance (13-0)
  - *To require the registrar of motor vehicles to establish a six month driver's license reinstatement fee debt reduction and amnesty program and to name this act the Reinstatement Fee Amnesty Initiative.*
- **Senate Bill 6** -- Sen. Hoagland – Pending in Transportation and Public Safety
  - *To extend the Ohio Bridge Partnership Program through the end of fiscal year 2019 and to require the Director of Transportation to submit a report to the Governor, Senate, and House of Representatives recommending ways to continue to fund the program.*
- **Senate Bill 62** – Sen. Yuko – Reported out of State and Local Government (13-0)
  - *To designate July 8 as "Harrison Dillard Day."*
- **Senate Bill 134** – Sen. Gardner – Pending in Transportation and Public Safety

- *To designate a portion of State Route 795 in Wood County as the "Lt Col Thomas P. Belkofer Memorial Highway."*
  - *\*\*License Plate/Road Naming Omnibus\*\**
- **Senate Bill 169** – Sens. Wilson, Eklund – Reported out of Insurance (13-0)
  - *To permit the Superintendent of Insurance to act as or select a group-wide supervisor for an internationally active insurance group, regarding delinquency proceedings involving insurer-members of federal home loan banks, and to oversee the sale of travel insurance.*
- **House Concurrent Resolution 16** – Rep. Thompson – Reported out of Energy and Natural Resources (11-0)
  - *To urge the Congress of the United States and President of the United States to take certain actions to counter manipulation of the oil market by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).*

**From:** Ohio Republican Party  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 10, 2017 7:33 PM  
**To:** William Reineke  
**Subject:** Chairman's Update



Good Evening,

The Tax Cuts & Jobs Act is one step closer to becoming law with the announcement of the conference committee members. I am proud that our Senator Rob Portman is leading the way on this issue and will be an important member of that committee.

Thanks to Ohio Republicans in the House and Senate, both versions of the bill reduce the tax burden on business of all sizes and allow hard working Ohio families to keep more of their hard-earned dollars at home, not in Washington. The bills help everyone from mom and pop shops to Main Street business and other job creators. Because of this, numerous analyses of the plan show that it would produce

massive job creation and economic growth with the potential for a 5% increase in GDP over ten years.

Also, in case you missed it, the Democratic National Committee's "Unity Commission" met this weekend and it's safe to say things aren't going well. Besides being marked by protests, Member Elaine Kamarck admits she is embarrassed to say the DNC is "constantly beat" by the RNC, which has "less funny business" than the DNC.

Have a great week,

Jane M. Timken  
Chairman, Ohio Republican Party

## **Praise for Portman; Picked to Conference Committee**

Senator Rob Portman received lots of praise this week for the key role he played in getting the *Tax Cuts & Jobs Act* through the Senate. His leadership was also highlighted when he was appointed to serve on the House-Senate conference committee to negotiate the final bill. We hope you will check out some of the stories below highlighting Portman's work, which will help middle-class families and save the typical Ohio family \$2,375 annually, create more jobs, and increase wages for American workers.

"With Senate approval of the most sweeping changes in the federal tax code since 1986, Sen. Rob Portman has moved one step closer to a goal he has talked about relentlessly since he ran for the U.S. Senate in 2010. And if overhauling the tax code sparks an economic boom, Portman will emerge as one of the Republicans who will receive credit nationwide for making the tax bill a reality." - Dayton Daily News, December 4, 2017

"Not long after the 2016 election, McConnell and Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) quietly tapped four Senate Republicans - Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania, Rob Portman of Ohio, Tim Scott of South Carolina and John Thune of South Dakota - to be the GOP conference's point people on the tax battle. The group immediately began meeting in December to lay the groundwork for the legislative push. And after the failure of Obamacare repeal, Republicans were determined to do things differently." - **POLITICO**, December 2, 2017

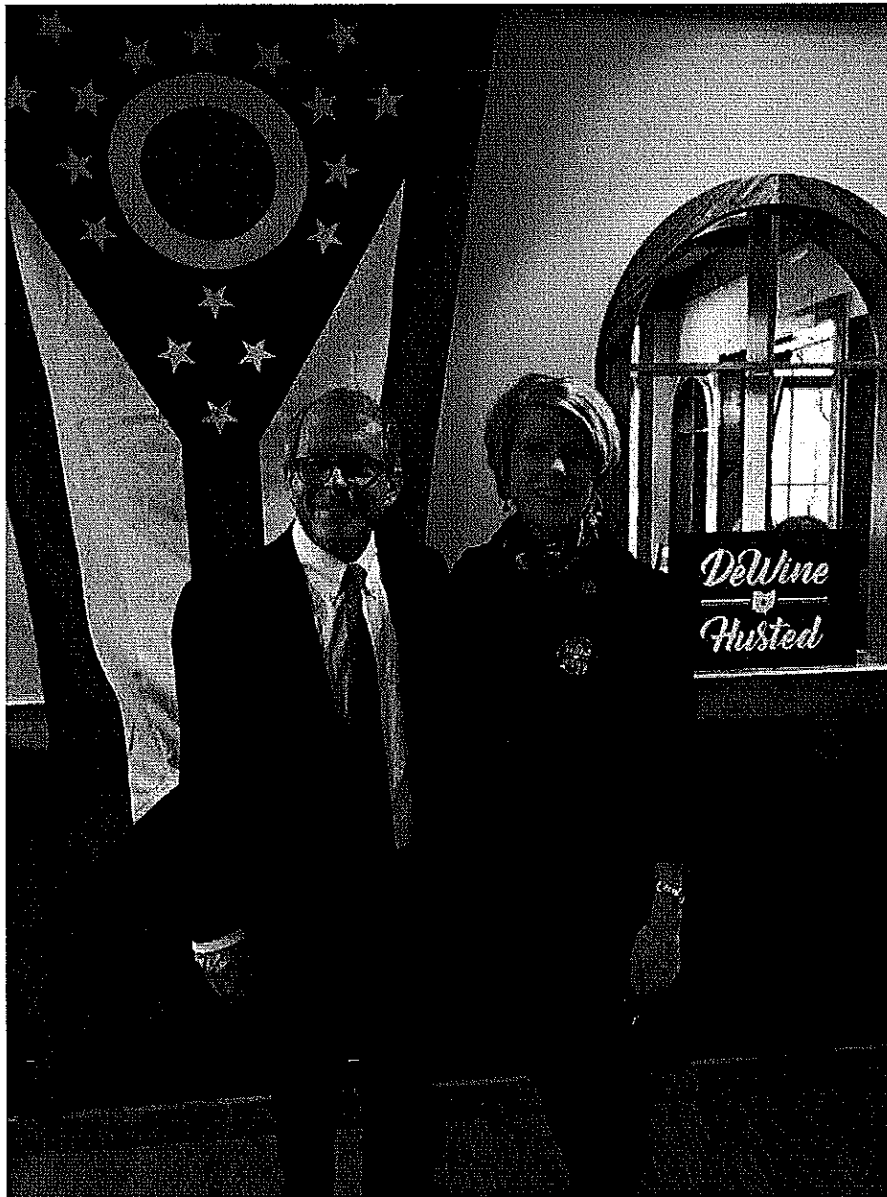
"Now that the Senate and House have passed their separate tax-cut plans, a select group of lawmakers will meet behind closed doors to resolve the differences. Sen. Rob Portman, an Ohio Republican and booster of the cuts, will be in that group. Republican Senate leaders Wednesday night appointed Portman and several colleagues to meet with House of Representatives counterparts, work through their bills' differences and present a final, combined bill for passage in both chambers ... Since last year, Portman has been among a few key senators behind the scenes shaping the tax package, which he says will help most Ohioans keep more of their pay and spur companies to expand and hire." - **Cleveland Plain Dealer**, December 7, 2017

## **Taylor Talks Solutions to Issues Facing Ohio and Empowering Women**



This week Lt. Governor Mary Taylor was the keynote speaker at the Delaware County GOP Women's Club Christmas party. In addition to discussing her solutions to the pressing problems facing Ohio, Taylor talked about empowering women and making sure that our party reflects the people we represent. In today's environment, with a new harassment case in the headlines every day, Mary stressed the importance of women standing up for one another in politics, the workplace and beyond. Taylor said, "If you help one woman, you've helped all women."

**DeWine/Husted Ticket Receives Endorsements from  
Franklin County Party and Rep. Dorothy Pelanda**



This week, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted were thrilled to receive the endorsement of the Franklin County Republican Party. After hearing from each candidate, Franklin Party voted 106-9 to endorse the DeWine/Husted ticket for Governor.



The next day, Mike DeWine joined State Representative Dorothy Pelanda at an event in Dublin where she announced her endorsement of the ticket too.

The DeWine/Husted ticket continues to receive endorsements from conservative leaders and grassroots activists across the state.

### **Renacci Meets with Ohioans Across the State, Attends Trump's White House Congressional Ball, and Fights for 2nd Amendment Rights**



On Monday in Ohio, Jim Renacci traveled around the state to meet with fellow conservatives and hear about the issues that were concerning them, from tax reform to healthcare in nursing facilities. He attended a luncheon at Wooster Inn with business leaders to discuss ways to help Ohio businesses compete and create more jobs. Afterwards, Jim met with senior citizens and healthcare officials at a nursing home in Wayne County to talk about the facilities and the

care provided. Ending the day, he spoke with people at a meet and greet in Knox County about bringing fresh, conservative leadership to move this state forward.

Back in Washington, Jim attended the White House Congressional Ball at the invitation of President Donald Trump. With his wife Tina, they met with Vice President Mike Pence, Secretary Ben Carson, and others while taking in the splendor of the decorations and celebrating the beginning of the holiday season at the White House.

The Cincinnati Enquirer featured an op-ed from Jim on his fight to protect the constitutional right to bear arms and allow law-abiding citizens to exercise this right across state lines. Having received an "A" rating from the National Rifle Association three times and been consistently endorsed by Ohioans for Concealed Carry and the NRA, Jim has always been an avid gun owner and a strong defender of gun rights. Currently, he is a co-sponsor of legislation to ensure that law-abiding Americans who are already qualified to carry a concealed firearm in one state can also carry in other states that allow their own residents to do so.

## **Paper Highlights Auditor Dave Yost's Work Rooting Out Corruption**



Last week *The Youngtown Vindicator* published an article praising the work of Auditor of State Dave Yost and his team for rooting out public corruption in the Mahoning Valley. The article highlights Yost's willingness to call balls and strikes, leave politics out of the office, and go after the wrongdoers.

"Ohio Auditor Yost has not only said all the right things with regard to public corruption, but has done the right thing," the article reads.

You can read the entire article [here](#).

**Zanesville City Schools Join OhioCheckbook.com**

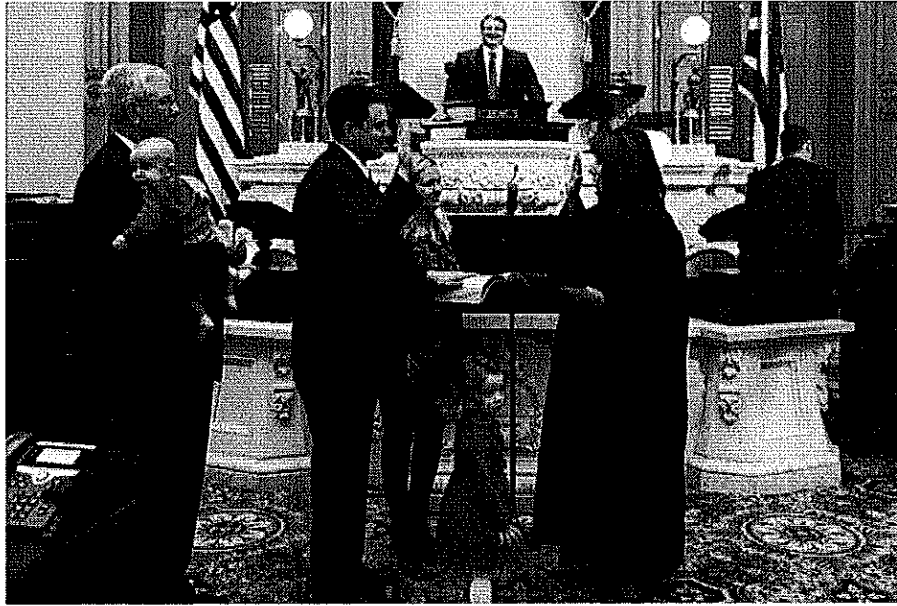


"Proud to be in Zanesville today. Putting the Zanesville City Schools online. The taxpayers have a right to know how the tax money is being spent. And what we're doing is taking all of the spending in the school district and we're putting it on the internet," said Mandel.

"We're gonna put it on people's iPhones, on their computers, so the taxpayers of Zanesville can see how the tax money is being spent."

Read more [here](#).

## **Ohio Senate Seats New Member and Passes Legislation Removing Barriers for Veterans**



State Senator Robert McColley (R-Napoleon) was sworn in this week as a member of the Ohio Senate after the Senate Republicans unanimously voted to approve the screening committee recommendation to fill the vacancy in Ohio's 1st Senate District.

Read more [here](#).

The Senate also passed legislation sponsored by State Senator Frank LaRose (R-Hudson) which would waive the skills test for a commercial driver's license for veterans who have applicable military certifications. "When transitioning back to civilian life, our veterans should be afforded every opportunity to use the skills they gained while serving in the military," said LaRose. "This bill not only helps them use those skills, but also helps Ohio fill the thousands of desirable trucking jobs that remain unfilled due to a lack qualified applicants. Businesses desire a talented and dedicated workforce; our veterans are exactly what they are looking for."

Read more [here](#).

## **Ohio House Bids Farewell to Rep. Rob McColley; Welcomes Rep. Bill Reineke to Leadership Team**



On Tuesday, the Ohio House saw both the resignation of Rep. Rob McColley (R-Napoleon) and the promotion of Rep. Bill Reineke (R-Tiffin) to House Assistant Majority Whip.

Representative McColley was chosen over five other applicants by the Ohio Senate to fill the vacancy in the 1st Ohio Senate district. He steps down as House Assistant Majority Whip, a valued spot on the leadership team, and will serve out the remainder of 2018 in the Senate. He will be running for election to a new four year term in 2018.

"I have truly enjoyed watching him grow and develop over the last few years as both a legislator and a father," said House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger. "Thank you for your service on our leadership team and to the 81st House District. Our loss is the Senate's gain."

Filling his spot as Assistant Majority Whip will be Representative Bill Reineke. Reineke, who hails from Northwest Ohio, is in his second term representing Ohio's 88th House District.

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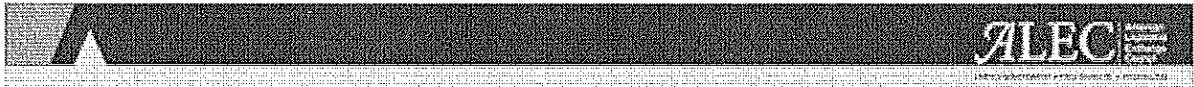
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### Photos of the Week

Last week, ALEC hosted the States and Nation Policy Summit in Nashville, TN. A record-setting number of attendees enjoyed engaging speakers, spirited policy debate and thought provoking workshops. See some of the highlights of our week in Music City [here](#).





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## Week in Review

### A Look Back At The SNPS General Sessions



Videos of all of the general sessions at SNPS are available on [ALEC.org](http://ALEC.org) . Please take a look.

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## SNPS Highlights

## Committee to Unleash Prosperity Discusses Tax Reform, Fiscal Responsibility

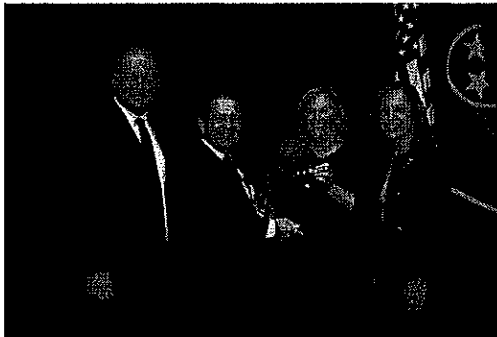


The Committee to Unleash Prosperity, consisting of titans of economics and business Arthur Laffer, Steve Forbes, Larry Kudlow and Stephen Moore, gave a panel discussion at the States and Nation Policy Summit. Topics ranged from tax reform to politics and business and provided an exclamation point on ALEC involvement in fiscal issues this year.

[Watch Panel](#)

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## Dr. Arthur Laffer Wins Inaugural Laffer Award for Economic Excellence



ALEC recognized the first winner of the Laffer Award for Economic Excellence, Dr. Art Laffer, at the States and Nation Policy Summit

Often called "The Father of Supply Side Economics", Dr. Laffer has been a stalwart at ALEC for decades. He is the co-author of *Rich States, Poor States* and a friend and mentor to staff and legislators alike.

[Watch Ceremony](#)

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## ALEC Recognizes its Stars at Awards Dinner



At the Annual Awards Dinner, ALEC recognized the outstanding efforts of a number of its members over the course of the year. Four members were awarded: Legislator of the Year, Public Sector Chair of the Year, Private Sector Chair of the Year, and Volunteer of the Year. Find out who they are.

[Read Article](#)

## Rural Caucus Gets Off the Ground With its Inaugural Meeting



The ALEC Rural Caucus had its inaugural meeting last week. Co-Chaired by Representative Becky Nutt of Arizona and Representative "Doc" Anderson of Texas, the caucus aims to provide a place where legislators representing rural districts can come together to find innovative policy solutions for their areas.

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## SNPS In 140 Characters

### Attendees Sound Off on SNPS Experience

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**Steve Forbes**   
@SteveForbesCEO

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On @ALEC\_states panel this morning w/ Art Laffer, Larry Kudlow, & Steve Moore on tax cuts. Great, lively discussion—likely bill will do more good than harm! #LafferCurve @StephenMoore @larry\_kudlow



**Rep. Seth Grove**  
@RepGrove

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Success of @TaxpayersCaucus led to not having massive energy taxes.



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"Prosperity makes people happy" "Pro business is pro worker" Supply side superstars @Larry\_Kudlow @LafferCenter @SteveForbesCEO and @StephenMoore discussing #TaxReform @ALEC\_States #ALECIdeas #ALECinTN

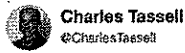


**Brian Kelsey**  
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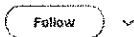
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Earlier this morning, I was proud to introduce my friend and former colleague @RepDianeBlack to speak at the @ALEC\_states 2017 States & Nation Policy Summit here in Nashville!





Charles Tassell  
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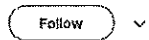
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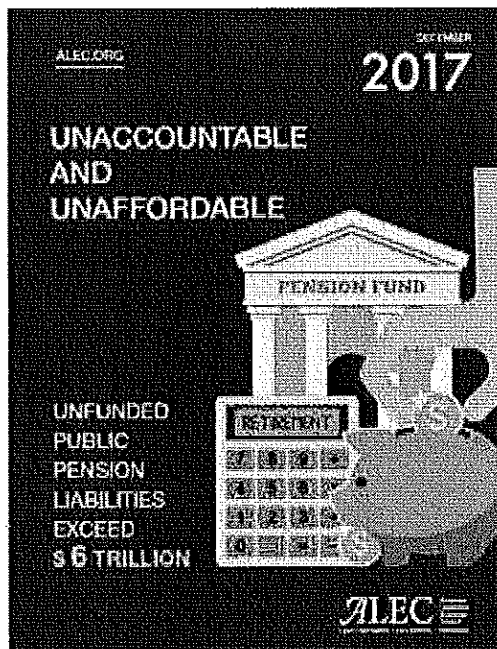
Alan Clemmons  
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Spending my birthday at @ALEC in Nashville  
enjoying policy discussion and debate.  
Currently participating in a thought provoking  
presentation by equaljusticecoalition.net on  
repeal of the 17th Amendment to the US  
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## This Week at ALEC

### Center For State Fiscal Reform Rolls Out Unaccountable and Unaffordable 2017

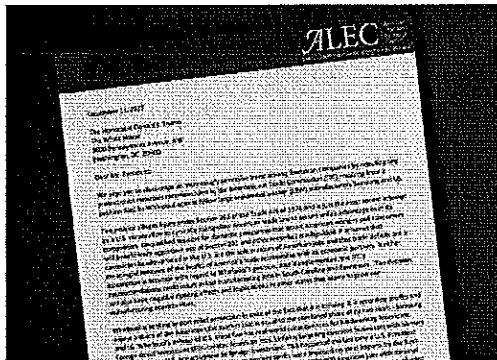


The latest estimate places unfunded public pension liabilities over **\$6 trillion**. Absent significant reforms, unfunded liabilities of state-administered pension plans will continue to grow and threaten the financial security of state retirees and taxpayers alike. The resulting fiscal calamity could be far deeper and prolonged than the Great Recession.

Unaffordable and Unaccountable 2017 surveys the more than 280 state-administered public pension plans, detailing their assets and liabilities

[Read Report](#)

### State Legislators' Letter to Trump: Protectionism Threatens American Jobs



State lawmakers from nine states signed a letter to President Trump urging his administration to reject protectionist trade policies. The letter urges President Trump to reject any protectionist remedies recommended by the International Trade Commission (ITC). The state legislators who signed the letter hope President Trump opposes trade protectionism. American jobs depend on it.

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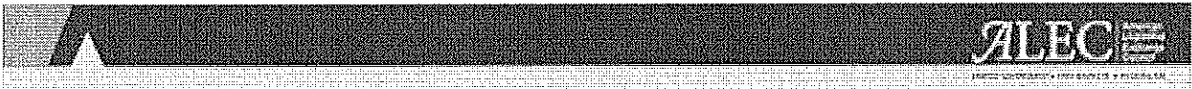


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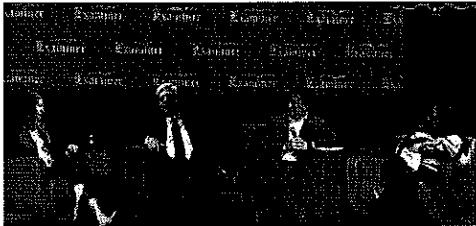


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Center in Action

**Center Director Shelby Emmett Panelist at Washington Examiner's Campus  
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Center to Protect Free Speech Director Shelby Emmett joined Dennis Prager, Marcus Fatenos of Turning Point USA and Red Alert Politics Editor Lauren Cooley on a panel discussing the challenges to free speech on campus. The discussion was lively and the questions from the audience were great. See the [ALEC article](#) about the event, the [Washington Examiner's article](#), and the [video](#) of the panel.

Free Speech At SNPS

**Free Speech a Major Topic at States and Nation Policy Summit**

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Free speech was a major theme throughout this year's ALEC States and Nation Policy Summit, so the Center to Protect Free Speech was very busy. The Center was hard at work to present opportunities for attendees to gain knowledge through a donor privacy workshop, a campus speech and academic freedom workshop, a commercial speech panel, and a legislative staff training session.

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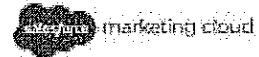


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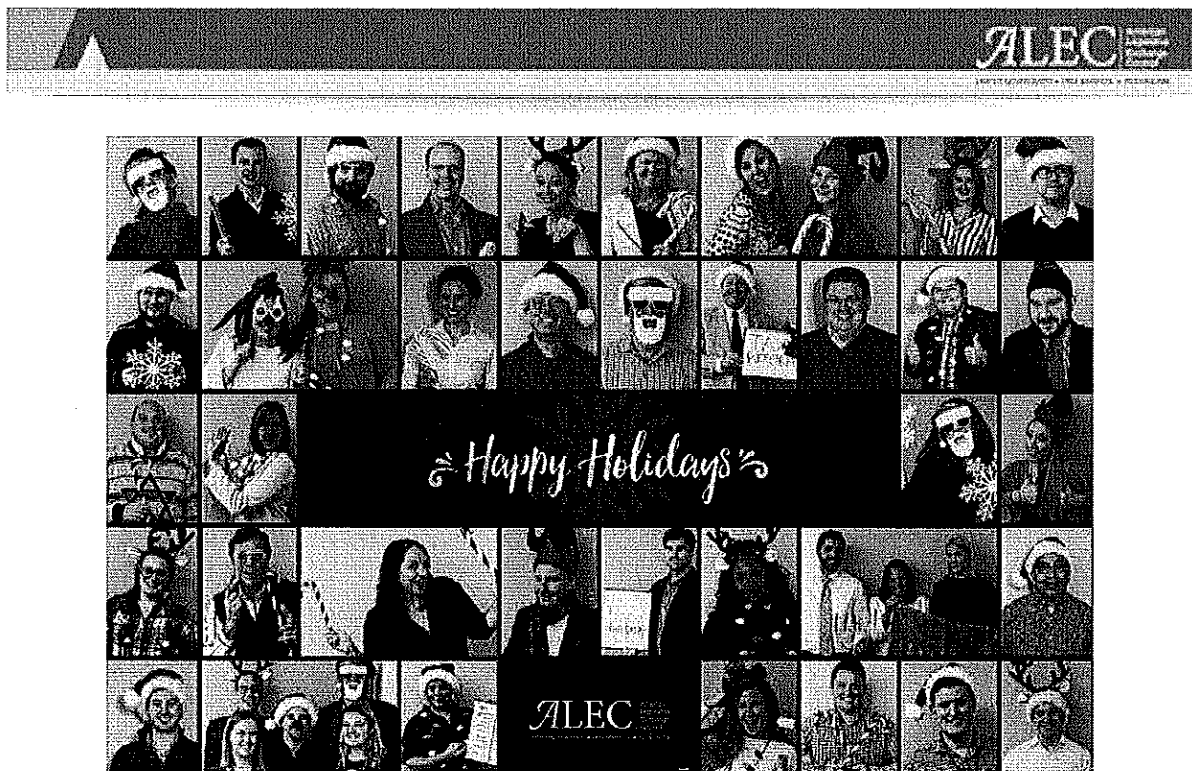
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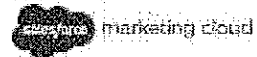
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